

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### PASTOR'S CORNER

**Is it too little, or too much?** A few days ago, I came across a quote that stopped me in my tracks. It read, “*When God put a calling on your life, He already factored in your stupidity.*” There was something freeing about the honesty of this statement. God’s call, apparently, does not depend on my competence, clarity, or flawless judgment. But on the other hand, I also remember another phrase that I return to when life feels especially hard: “*I wish God didn’t have so much confidence in me.*” I don’t say it out of disbelief or resentment. I say it when the effort of simply showing up takes more than I expected. But there is one thing that really helps me keep my balance in this process: self-deprecating humor. It doesn’t make light of the call, but it keeps me from being overwhelmed by it. It gives me just enough space to ask a more honest question: Where might God be inviting me to grow, not by doing more, but by seeing differently?

So is it too little or too much when God is asking us to go that proverbial extra mile? Too little to stay within what is familiar or manageable? Too little to measure life only by what we can see or control? God’s vision is wider than that. Or perhaps, is it simply too much? I am not sure, but I don’t hear this as God demanding more effort or higher achievement. I hear it as God seeing more possibility than we often allow ourselves to see. The invitation is not to strive harder, but to trust that God’s imagination for our lives exceeds our own. Moreover, at my age, I can look back and see things I never imagined I would do. Much of what has shaped me unfolded beyond anything I planned. That helps me remember that what lies ahead is still unknown, even when I think I have a plan. And I’ve learned not to assume that the unknown is a problem. So perhaps the initial question is not, “Am I doing enough?”, but rather something simpler and more honest: Where might God be inviting me to see my life with God’s eyes, rather than by my own measurements? This is why I often pray in this way:

O Lord, help me see with clarity of your grace.

*Help me see with courage what is hurtful or wounded.*

*Help me see with faith the work of your hand.*

*Help me see with confidence your presence here,*

*because I do not ask to see the road ahead, but only the next step...*

*your love for me.*

*Amen.*

*Fr. Slawek*

# FEBRUARY 8, 2026

## WHAT IS THE PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN?

PreAuthorized Giving ("PAG") is a plan to assist you in supporting your Parish through regular financial offerings.

The operation and maintenance of your parish is made possible through the generous and regular offertory giving of our parishioners. In response to changing lifestyles and demands on your time, the PAG plan will assist you in establishing a systematic giving program.

The PAG plan creates a win / win situation for you and Holy Spirit Church. Enrolment for the PAG plan is a very simple procedure. When you enroll, your offering will be automatically withdrawn from your designated bank account on the 20th day (or next business day) of each month. This amount will electronically be deposited to the Parish's account.

The PAG plan does not cover the special collections; therefore, we encourage you to continue using the envelopes made available at the back of the church.

**Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre**  
2325 Liverpool Road, Pickering, Ontario L1X 1V4

**Out of the Ashes: a Lenten journey to Resurrection**  
February 23 @ 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

**\$75.00 Suggested Offering**

**DAY OF REFLECTION FOR MEN & WOMEN:** On this day of reflection, Fr. John O'Brien will lead meditations on the Christian journey of life, and present the symbol of ashes as a powerful metaphor for the humility to which we are called as we grow in our sense of personhood. The Canadian Martyrs' experience 400 years ago will inform this day of prayer and retreat.

**Facilitated by: Fr. John O'Brien, SJ**

To register call 905-839-2864

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Tuesday, February 10

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

### Wednesday, February 11

9 a.m. + Repose of the soul of Davie Emer req. by the Emer family.

### Thursday, February 12

9 a.m..

### Friday, February 13

9 a.m. + Repose of the soul of Dorothy Johns req. by the family.

### Saturday, February 14

4:30 p.m.

### Sunday, February 15

9 a.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

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## COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL

**Wednesday, February 11, 2026**

Everyone welcome



**The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**  
*Turning concern into action*

When we pray the "Our Father", we ask God to give us "our daily" bread. Most of us are fortunate to receive sufficient food, but some do not. It is a struggle, especially for our neighbour-in-need.

Please remember the POOR BOX on your way out of the church after Mass.



**Children's Liturgy:** Every Sunday

For the 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Masses.



**ARE YOU MOVING? OR HAVE YOU ALREADY MOVED?**

Please contact the parish office so your records can be updated. Thank you.



*Grant me, O Lord my God,  
a mind to know you,  
a heart to seek you,  
wisdom to find you,  
conduct pleasing to you,  
faithful perseverance in  
waiting for you,  
and a hope of finally  
embracing you.*

*Amen.*

PRAYER OF  
SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS